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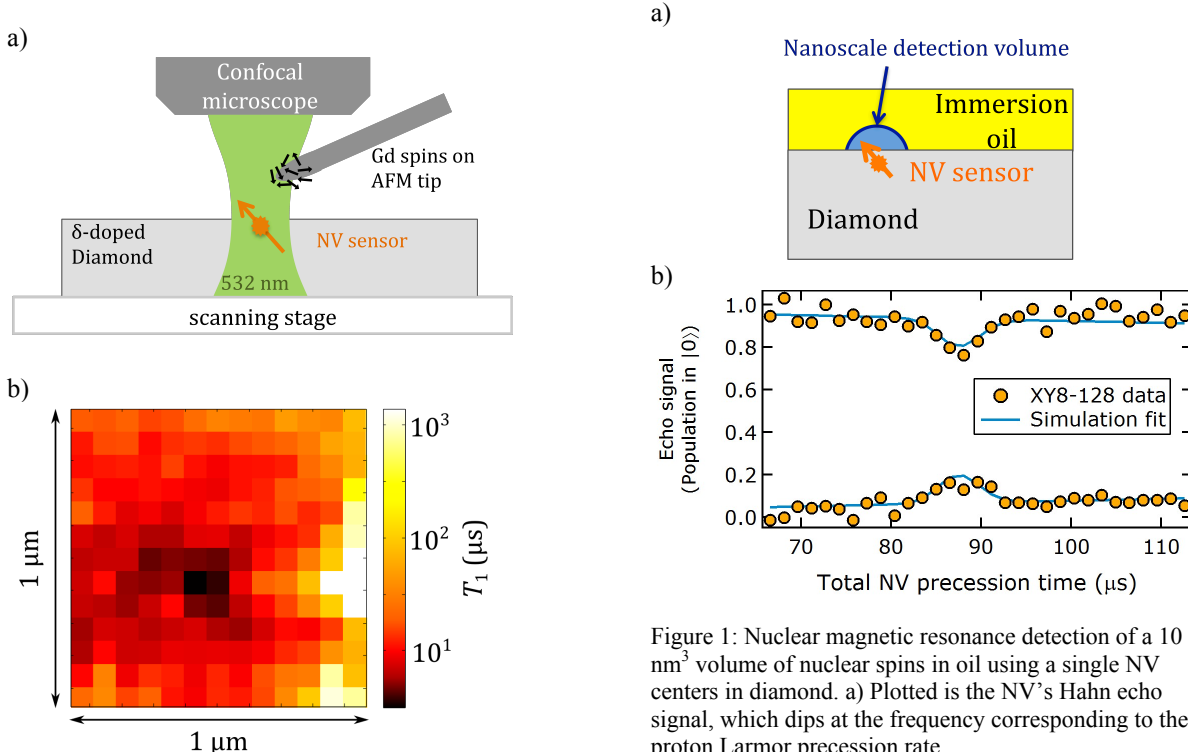


Figure 1: NV-based scanning magnetometry a) AFM tip functionalized with Gd³⁺ spins is scanned over NV sensor b) Image shows NV relaxation time (T_1) as a function of tip position. T_1 is dramatically affected by proximal Gd ions. Gd ions are commonly used spin labels for biological imaging.

Figure 1: Nuclear magnetic resonance detection of a 10 nm³ volume of nuclear spins in oil using a single NV centers in diamond. a) Plotted is the NV's Hahn echo signal, which dips at the frequency corresponding to the proton Larmor precession rate

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